

The below curriculum outlines the requirements of the MUEP program for students on the **Tempe Campus**. Students are strongly advised to take graduate coursework in the order described. **Most classes are offered only once per year (fall only or spring only)**. If students have questions or need to deviate from the below plan, contact a [graduate advisor](#) to review options.

Year One

<i>Fall (12.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	Credits
PUP 501 Planning History and Theory	3.0
PUP 520 Planning Practice, Ethics & Processes	3.0
PUP 571 Quantitative Methods for Planners	3.0
Approved Graduate Elective:*	3.0
<i>Spring (12.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	
PUP 544 Urban Land Use Planning	3.0
PUP 576 GIS Workshop for Planners	3.0
PUP 579 Qualitative Methods for Planners	3.0
Approved Graduate Elective:	3.0

Year Two

<i>Fall (12.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	
PUP 642 Urban and Regional Economic Analysis*	3.0
Approved Graduate Elective:	3.0
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<i>Spring (11.0-12.0 credits graduate level coursework, including culminating experience)</i>	
PUP 542 Environmental Planning	3.0
PUP 531 Planning & Development Control Law	3.0
Culminating Experience (choose one):	
PUP 580 Planning Workshop** OR	5.0
PUP 593 Applied Project OR	5.0
PUP 599 Thesis	6.0

Total credits required for MUEP degree

47.0 or 48.0

* Students wishing to participate in NEURUS research exchange program in Year Two are required to take PUP 642 in their first semester. Information on NEURUS is available at <https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/study-abroad>.

** PUP 580 Planning Workshop is the default culminating experience.

Core and Other Requirements

The listed classes are required and cannot be waived or substituted, with the exception of PUP 542 and PUP 576.

PUP 542 may be waived for students who took PUP 442 as part of their ASU undergraduate coursework. Submit the [Course Waiver](#) form to check for waiver eligibility. A substitute course for PUP 542 must be chosen from the [Approved Environmental Planning Courses](#) list. Substitution of this course is only authorized if PUP 442 was completed prior to admission into this graduate program.

PUP 576 may be waived with ample GIS experience. A formal education (degree, certificate, minor) in GIS or specific ASU undergraduate coursework (GIS 211 and/or GIS 311) automatically qualifies students for the waiver. Any other circumstances (other coursework, internship, volunteer, or work experience) must be petitioned. Submit the [Course Waiver](#) form to check for waiver eligibility. A substitute course for PUP 576 must be chosen from the [Approved Methods Course](#) list. Substitution of this course is only authorized if the demonstrated GIS experience was from prior to admission into this graduate program.

Electives

Any graduate level GCU, GIS, GPH, or PUP course may be taken as elective. Interdisciplinary courses may be taken, but must be approved by the department if they are not on the [Approved MUEP Electives](#) list. Submit the [Petition for Transfer or Interdisciplinary Elective Courses](#) form to request approval. Electives may be taken at any time; the outline above is a guideline for distributing enrollment equitably throughout four semesters. **A maximum of 6.0 credits of 400-level coursework may be included on the plan of study but must be approved by the Associate Director of Planning.**

Culminating Experience

Culminating experience options are a traditional capstone PUP 580 Planning Workshop (5.0 credits), a professional project PUP 593 Applied Project (5.0 credits), or a thesis PUP 599 Thesis (6.0 credits). ASU Online MUEP students must complete PUP 580 Planning Workshop as their culminating experience.

Students electing to do an Applied Project or Thesis must have their Applied Project Scoping Statement or Thesis Proposal signed by all committee members on file to proceed by the time they 1) have earned 75% of the credits required for the MUEP and 2) expect to enroll in their final semester, including the culminating experience credits. Students who do not meet these criteria must 1) change their Plan of Study degree requirements to PUP 580 Planning Workshop culminating experience and 2) enroll the next semester that it is offered.

Time to Completion

The MUEP degree is designed to be completed in two years, with a minimum 12.0 credit hours taken per semester (fall and spring enrollment only). Fewer hours may be taken to accommodate the student's various work and life circumstances, but this may prolong the time to degree completion.

Graduate Student Forms are available at

<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/graduate-student-forms>

Approved Elective and Methods Course lists are available at

<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/plans-study-and-graduate-programs-handbook>